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Private Sector Adds 7,100 Jobs in July *Summer Unemployment Trend Continues*

CHICAGO – Illinois added 7,100 private sector jobs in July and the unemployment rate was 9.2 percent, according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Illinois added 62,100 private sector jobs compared to July 2012. The data is seasonally adjusted.

“Three consecutive months of positive job numbers underscores the deliberate pace of our economic growth,” IDES Director Jay Rowell said. “Three consecutive summers with an uptick in the unemployment rate here and elsewhere suggests a trend unrelated to job growth and merits watching.”

Employers posted more than 195,000 help-wanted ads in Illinois in July, the Conference Board stated. Nearly 80 percent were full-time positions. The data is seasonally adjusted.

Illinois has added +244,300 private sector jobs since January 2010 when job growth returned following nearly two years of consecutive monthly declines. Leading growth sectors are Professional and Business Services (+110,100); Education and Health Services (+57,100); and Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+46,000). Government has lost the most jobs since January 2010, down -33,200.

Volatility has been the hallmark of this economic cycle. When compared to the previous month, Illinois recorded job growth in 31 months and job loss in 12. Unemployment fell in 24 months, increased in nine and was unchanged in 10. Sustained consumer confidence could reduce volatility.

The three-month moving average unemployment rate, which smoothes monthly volatility, was unchanged at 9.2 percent in July. In July 2013, the number of unemployed individuals increased slightly for the second time since March, up +4,200 (+0.7 percent) to 604,700. Total unemployed has fallen -147,500 (-19.6 percent) since early 2010 when the state unemployment rate peaked at 11.3 percent for the months of January and February.

The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and seeking employment. A person who exhausts benefits, or is ineligible, still will be reflected in the unemployment rate if they actively seek work. Historically, the national unemployment rate is lower than the state rate. The state rate has been lower than the national rate only six times since January 2000.

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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

	July 2013	June 2013	July 2012	3-Month Moving Avg.
Illinois	9.2%	9.1%*	9.0%*	9.2%
U.S.	7.4%	7.6%	8.2%*	7.5%
* Revised				

Illinois Seasonally Adjusted Non-farm Jobs – by Major Industry

Industry Title	July 2013*	June 2013**	July 2012**	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change	3-Month Moving Avg.	Change from Previous 3-Month Mov. Avg.
Total Nonfarm	5,795,300	5,788,700	5,739,800	6,600	55,500	5,788,100	6,500
Mining	10,500	10,400	10,200	100	300	10,400	0
Construction	188,500	186,900	186,600	1,600	1,900	185,500	3,600
Manufacturing	576,200	577,100	585,000	-900	-8,800	577,700	-2,000
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	1,166,900	1,160,700	1,153,400	6,200	13,500	1,161,300	2,600
Information	99,300	100,500	99,700	-1,200	-400	100,000	0
Financial Activities	374,500	373,900	366,300	600	8,200	374,000	500
Professional and Business Services	891,000	883,000	863,400	8,000	27,600	883,900	6,500
Educational and Health Services	878,600	882,200	861,100	-3,600	17,500	881,500	-900
Leisure and Hospitality	537,200	539,200	535,500	-2,000	1,700	539,200	500
Other Services	249,500	251,200	248,900	-1,700	600	251,900	-1,400
Government	823,100	823,600	829,700	-500	-6,600	823,400	-3,000
				* Preliminary	** Revised		

Notes:

- Illinois monthly labor force, unemployed and unemployment rates for years 2008-2012 have been revised as required by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. In February of each year, monthly labor force data for all states are revised to reflect updated sum-of-states controls, Census population controls, seasonal factors, non-farm jobs and unemployment insurance claims inputs. Data were also smoothed to eliminate large monthly changes as a result of volatility in the monthly household (CPS) survey. Comments and tables distributed in prior Illinois unemployment rate news release materials should be discarded because any analysis, including records, previously cited might no longer be valid.
- Seasonally adjusted employment data for subsectors within industries are not available. For not seasonally adjusted jobs data with greater industry detail, go to http://www.ides.illinois.gov/Custom/Library/Statistic/CES/1_NSA_CES_Illinois_MSAs_Jobs_2000_to_Current.XLS.
- "Other Services" includes a wide range of activities in three broad categories: Personal and laundry; repair and maintenance; and religious, grant making, civic and professional organizations.
- Monthly seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for Illinois and the Chicago-Naperville-Joliet Metropolitan Division are available at: <http://www.ides.illinois.gov/page.aspx?item=2509>.

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